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Provide for the Notification of Infectious Diseases in Ireland. A.D. 1892.

WHEREAS it is desirable that due notice should be given to the Sanitary Authorities in Ireland of the existence of dangerous infectious diseases within their district:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Notification of Infectious Diseases (Ireland) Act, 1892. Short title.

10 2. This Act shall be read and construed with the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, 41 & 42 Vict., cap. 52. Construction.

3. Upon the application of any Sanitary Authority the Local Government Board for Ireland may from time to time, if they think fit, by order to be published in the "Dublin Gazette," and in some newspaper or newspapers circulating in the district, declare this Act to be in force within the district or any part of the district of the Sanitary Authority; and from and after the publication of such order, and so long as such order shall remain unrevoked, this Act shall be in force in respect to the district specified therein. The Local Government Board may from time to time, at their discretion, by a subsequent order, to be published in the same manner, revoke any such order with respect to the whole or any part of any district. Application of Act.

4. If any inmate of any building used for human habitation in the district is suffering from small-pox, cholera, scarlatina, typhus, typhoid, puerperal, or relapsing fever, diphtheria, measles, or erysipelas, every medical practitioner attending or called in to visit such inmate, or if more than one medical practitioner is in attendance, then such one of them as was first called in, shall, on [Bill 89.] Notice by medical practitioner.

A.D. 1882. becoming aware that such inmate is suffering from any such disease as aforesaid, forthwith fill up, sign, and deliver, or cause to be delivered or transmitted by post to the Sanitary Authority, a certificate, stating, according to the form contained in the schedule to this Act, the name of such inmate, the situation of such building, the name of such occupier or person, and the nature of the disease from which such inmate is suffering. 5

Notice if no medical practitioner is in attendance.

5. If no medical practitioner be attending on or has been called in to visit such inmate, then the occupier, or any other person having the management or control of such building, or if such occupier or other person be prevented by disease or otherwise, the person in charge of such inmate shall, so soon as he shall become aware of the existence in any such inmate of any such disease, forthwith cause notice thereof to be given to the Sanitary Authority at their office. 10 15

Supply of forms and payment of fees.

6. The Sanitary Authority shall supply gratuitously to every registered medical practitioner resident or practising in the district forms stamped for transmission through the post, for the certifying by such medical practitioner of the particulars herein-before mentioned of cases of infectious disease attended by him, and the Authority shall pay to every medical practitioner who shall, in pursuance of this section, duly give any such certificate, a fee of *two shillings and sixpence* in respect of the same; provided that in the case of workhouses, gaols, and public hospitals, no such fee shall be payable. 20 25

Act may be applied to other infectious diseases.

7. The Sanitary Authority may from time to time, by resolution, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, order that any other acute infectious disease, in addition to those above mentioned, shall be deemed to be within and subject to the provisions of this Act. Any such order of the Sanitary Authority may be permanent or temporary only; and, if temporary, the period during which it is to continue in force shall be specified therein; and when the Local Government Board have approved of any such order, the Sanitary Authority shall give public notice of the order by causing a copy thereof to be affixed to the principal door of every church and chapel in the district to which notices are usually affixed, and by publishing the same by advertisement in some one or more of the newspapers circulated in the district; and after such public notice has been given the provisions of this Act shall, so long as the order continues in force, apply to the infectious disease specified therein in like manner in all respects as if the disease were mentioned in this Act. 30 35 40

8. Any person neglecting to give or deliver, or cause to be given or delivered, any notice required to be given under this Act, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds*, to be recovered in the same manner as penalties under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

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Penalties.

9. The production of a printed copy of the "Dublin Gazette," purporting to be printed by the Queen's authority, containing a copy of any order made by the Local Government Board under this Act, shall for all purposes be conclusive evidence of such order, and of the due making of the same.

Evidence of
order having
been made.

SCHEDULE.

FORM OF NOTICE BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IRELAND) ACT, 1882.

"Pursuant to the above-mentioned Act, I hereby certify and declare that, in my opinion, the under-mentioned person is suffering from a disease within the terms of the said Act.

"Dated the day of 18 .

"(Signed)

"Medical Practitioner, duly Registered.

- 20 "1. Name of person suffering from the disease.
 "2. Situation of the building wherein such person is.
 "3. Name of occupier or other person having the management
 or control of the building.
 "4. Nature of the disease.
 25 "To the Sanitary Authority of ."